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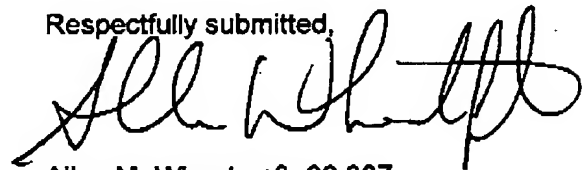
Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Amendment to Office Action (6 pages),
2. Petition For Extension of Time (1 page), and
3. Reference (1)

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

Respectfully submitted,



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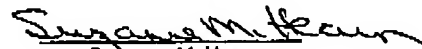
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed September 29, 2004, please amend the present patent application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the amendments and the subsequent remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1,2, 3, 11, 12 and 13 as follows: